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1. The Chinese Communists want Tibet both as a gateway to further conquest and as a bulwark against possible invasion by western powers via India.
2. The Chinese Communist forces invading Tibet consist of approximately 100,000 troops of the 2 Field Army (C-5).* The Communists expect an easy conquest, meeting no serious opposition. The objective of the invasion is to occupy the area bordering Nepal and India for the purpose of infiltrating Communist agents into these states in preparation for an eventual people's revolution in conjunction with overall Communist plans for the third world war.
3. During his stay in Moscow in late 1949 and early 1950, MAO Tse-tung was persuaded to accept the leadership in the liberation of Asia. He is following preliminary plans made in Yenan in 1946 with the USSR.**
4. It is believed that the actual Chinese Communist force in Tibet is not very strong. The Communists intend to occupy all Tibet and use it as a base for attacks against India and the Middle East in the third world war.

Comment. A more conservative estimate of the Chinese Communist forces in Tibet, made public in Taipei on 11 November, put the figure at 5,000.

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